IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ที่ re Application of

POMPEJUS et al.

Serial No. 09/582,779

Filed: July 3, 2000

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Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Guzo

For:

OROTIDINE-5"-PHOSPHATE DECARBOXYLASE GENE, GENE CONSTRUCT

COMPRISING THIS GENE AND ITS USE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time for applicants to prepare arguments and to conduct experiments to further prosecute the application.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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